

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-FEBRUARY 10, 2003

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Schaefer, Thorkelson
Absent: Holinko called in ill, Martin and Rosen, out of Town

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to approve the minutes of February 1, 2003.

So passed with Mr. Haddad and Mr. Schaefer abstaining.

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of January 27, 2003.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ann Koualty, 98 Fern Road spoke in favor of the proposed resolution against war with Iraq.

Richard Pellegrine read a letter regarding the vacancy on the District #19 Board of Education. He urged the Town Council to interview any interested people regardless of their political affiliation. He also felt that there were many persons in town, which may want to discuss the issue of the proposed resolution on War with Iraq.

Jennifer Stone, 657 Chaffeeville Road, spoke on the issue of War with Iraq. She would not like the United States to go to War at this time. She urged a public hearing to get a sense of how the residents feel on this issue of War.

Joseph Kouatly, 98 Fern Road, urged passage of the resolution against War with Iraq.

Mary Barry, 117 Spring Hill Road, supports the resolution against war with Iraq.

Richard Sherman, Pinewoods Lane, spoke as Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. He assured the Council that the Democratic Town Committee had four excellent candidates for the vacancy of the Region #19 Board of Education. He also supported the resolution against War with Iraq.

Ayla Kardestuncer, Storrs Road, spoke in favor of the resolution against war with Iraq.

The audience with the public concluded at 8: 08 p.m.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

2. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing.

There will be a landfill public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 2003 to discuss an update.

3. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Year Ending June 30, 2002

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to refer the Town of Mansfield Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ending June 30, 2002 to the Finance Committee.

So passed unanimously

4. University Spring Weekend

No comments

V. NEW BUSINESS

5. Resolution Expressing Opposition to a Preemptive War with the Country of Iraq.

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to adopt the proposed resolution against Iraq with two minor corrections.

So passed unanimously.

6. Financial Statements Dated December 31, 2002

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to accept the Financial Statements Dated December 31, 2002, as presented by the Director of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

7. Appointment of Member to Regional School District #19 Board of Education

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to table this item.

So passed.

8. Mansfield Community Center Membership Fees for Residents of Ashford and Willington

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move, effective February 10, 2003, to adopt the Community Center membership fees for the residents of Ashford and Willington, as presented by the Town Manager in his memorandum dated January 29, 2003; and to add the fees to the town's fee schedule.

So passed unanimously.

9. Mansfield Community Center-Phase One Marketing Plan

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to authorize the Town Manager to expend up to \$46,000 from the Capital and Non-recurring Reserve Fund towards the purchase of Pre-Sell Phase marketing services for the Mansfield Community Center.

So passed unanimously.

10. Nomination of Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor to National Trust for Historic Preservation's Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2003.

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to authorize the Mayor to transmit a letter in support of the nomination of the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "Eleven Most Endangered Places List for 2003".

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No comments.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No comments.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Meeting on the UConn Landfill February 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber

Twenty persons have used credit cards to pay their taxes.

Municipal Action Day is February 18 at the State Capitol.

There will be a reception for the New Director of Emergency on Monday, February 24th at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

There will be a Fire Management meeting at the Firehouse at 5:30p.m. on Thursday

There is a Town/Gown Meeting tomorrow at UConn at 4:00 p.m.

There will be a Cardiac-Health Smart Breakfast meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Coventry,

The Friends of the Library took in \$14,000 at their February book sale.

The Town Manager attended the meeting of the Task Force on Substance Abuse at UConn.

Jeff Smith, Director of Finance, the Town Manager and the Comptroller met with Denise Merrill regarding municipal retirement board and urged that a municipal person be placed on the pension board.

Community Center-working with the building enclosed now, although the weather has caused lost time, hopefully the project will be completed on time.

Town Manager asked the Council members if they would like to have budget hearings on Saturdays. No decision.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

- No comments

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 11. M. Berliner re: Legislation concerning Recycling Practices in Connecticut
- 12. Sgt. Darcey Re: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for calendar year 2002
- 13. C. Pellegrine re: Vacancy at Regional School District #19 Board of Education
- 14. H. Raphaelson re: Level of Mansfield Services
- 15. Storrs Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends re: Resolution Opposing a War against Iraq
- 16. Eleanor and John Plank re: War in Iraq
- 17. Connecticut Department of Social Services re: Branch Closings
- 18. L. Schilling re: Level A Aquifer Mapping for the Fenton River Well Field
-] 19. Council of Small Towns(COST) Town Leader's Bulletin
- 20. Cuddy and Feder and Worby LLP re: Proposed AT & T Wireless Communications Tower Facility

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- Not needed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m. Mr.Bellm moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Clerk

Joan E. Gerdson, Town

